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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6336  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 7131

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEAN, MY  
SUBJECT: US-ASEAN MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 164743 (B) STATE 175353

1. WE DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTTEL A UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA WERE COMPLETED, AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE ANYONE IN THE GOM TO FOCUS ON THE US-ASEAN DIALOGUE BEFORE THEN. A NEW CABINET WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONLY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. CONSEQUENTLY, AMBASSADOR ON JULY 14 CALLED ON TAN SRI ZAKARIA, SECRETARY GENERAL, MFA, TO RAISE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REF A.

2. ZAKARIA SAID THAT MALAYSIA WILL DEFINITELY SEND A MINISTERIAL DELEGATION BUT HE COULDN'T YET SAY WHICH MINISTERS WOULD BE IN IT. HE SAID THAT THE GOM HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE US OF THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF ITS DELEGATION BY EARLY THIS WEEK.  
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3. ZAKARIA WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOM BELIEVED THAT THE AGENDA WAS ADEQUATE. HE SAID THAT THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS AT JAKARTA HAD AGREED THAT MORE STRESS SHOULD BE LAID ON TRADE AND COMMODITIES SO AS NOT TO LOSE THE MOMENTUM FROM THE MANILA MEETING. HE WANTED TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GOM DOES NOT ATTACH

IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT HE FELT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THIS AREA, CITING THE UPCOMING MANILA EXPERTS MEETING, AND REITERATED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ASEAN THAT THE MEETING BE SUCCESSFUL IN ORDER TO RETAIN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION. HE NOTED THAT THE FACT THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES WERE SENDING MINISTERS DEMONSTRATED ASEAN'S DESIRE TOO TO SEE THE MEETING SUCCEED.

4. COMMENT: WE RECEIVED THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE GOM WILL GO ALONG WITH THE TYPE OF REPRESENTATION CHOSEN BY THE OTHER MEMBERS AND IS FULLY COMMITTED TO A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

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